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Dear Friend

I have rec'd within this hour your package of letters. The ignorant barbarian who first grasped an electrical eel thinking to make a good dish for his friends, but got nothing only a paralytic shock, was not more astonished. I thought it absolutely a duty to go and hear Lewis, and to pick up if I might something to interest our anti-slavery friends. I was "entertained"; and attho this should be proved to be owing to my stupidity and not at all to his information, wit or sense, yet will admit it and assent it as a fact. I probably have not much better opinion of the "conveyancer" of the Emancipator and of our anti slavery stock than you have and our

you suppose that I would not say they have fooled Chip & sent him to Coventry. I would not so much as speak to them. Thank you for your letter. I am not sure that I shall be able to say the same of yours.

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any proper occasion I shall not
hesitate to show it. But my dear
friend what has that opinion or
what has the anti Slavery or business
character of Lewis Tappan to do
with what he had seen and heard in
Great Britain concerning the annexa
tion of Texas, the surrender of fugitive
slaves in Canada, or a dissruption
of the residence or accounts of the
conversation of Thomas Clarkson?
I have learned, I trust, not to mix
my personal and private amici-
ties and I will not be hired to
cherish and inflame public and
social ones. I care not a pin
for Lewis Tappan. I have made
him no visit and rec'd none
from him. I have exchanged but
two words with him and those

in a moving crowd in the Sluiceway of a church and after the publication of the article. In fact I determined long ago that I would not have any thing intimate or confidential with him. I think your strictures go upon an entire mistake that it can do any harm however cause to appropriate to it any thing good and useful whatever quarter it may come from and to command anything might which even the most bitter enemies or the greatest knaves may do for it. On the contrary I think that both duty and policy demand precisely this course. A refined malice would avoid indiscriminate denunciation I must say that I am amazed that a woman of your understanding without, as I believe, a particle of littleness or malignity, should not see this.

But you raise a question of motives. "It was to bend himself up in the eyes of the world." The human breast is a place where a jury cannot enter and "keep seat and lawdays" I have no doubt the man is exceedingly vain and painfully ambitious and yet I believe that his main motive for going on this expedition was to do good - that this was the impulse which started him; others soon mixed with it and perhaps predominated. But what if they did I thought the action good and likely to be productive of good; & I pressed it, and

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I would if it were to do again, press it just as quick as if it had been done by yourself whom I have long "reverenced this side of idolatry" I hired a colored man to work for me some months ago who represented himself to be a runaway slave. Soon I was beset by pious busybodies who told me that he was an impostor and a graduate of the state prisons. "That would make no difference with me I answered if I knew it to be true. If he is a state prisons graduate and is willing to work, he ought to be employed